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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

SHINJIRO OKADA ET AL.

Application No.: 09/656,942

Filed: September 7, 2000

For: CONDUCTIVE ORGANIC

COMPOUND DEVICE,

CONDUCTIVE LIQUID CRYSTAL

DEVICE, AND ORGANIC

ELECTROLUMINESCENCE DEVICE)

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: Examiner: Minh Toan Ton

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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RESPONSE TO SPECIES RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated March 11, 2003, imposing a restriction requirement in the above-identified case.

Remarks

The Examiner has required restriction between two allegedly distinct species of the claimed invention:

Species I, the specifics of the device being comprised of the carrier transporting layer of a conductive organic compound (claim 1 and second

alternative part of claims 11 and 12); and

Species II, the specifics of the device being comprised of the carrier transporting layer of a conductive liquid crystal (claims 2-10 and first alternative part of claims 11-14).

Accordingly, Applicants hereby elect Species II, which comprises, *inter alia*, a conductive liquid crystal.

Further, Applicants note that each of claims 2-10 read on the elected species. Additionally, Applicants would like to bring to the Examiner's attention that claims 11-14 do not lend themselves to separation in the manner suggested by the Examiner. The Examiner appears to believe that the claims relate to a conductive organic compound or a conductive liquid crystal, when, in fact, claims 11-14 relate to devices encompassing both conductive materials; there is no alternative language present in the claims. Accordingly, Applicants submit that claims 11-14 also read on the elected species.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

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